

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize AKA Day on the Hill
2013.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to the members of those exemplary organizations that have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776, and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is an outstanding example of the Greek system at work and is an organization possessed of a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, by sixteen members, including Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, who was the organization's visionary founder; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has grown from one undergraduate chapter to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in over 950 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State." As ambassadors of those very precepts, whether they are Tennesseans or honorary Tennesseans, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority should be especially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary service to their respective communities and welcome them to Nashville, in honor of AKA Day on the Hill at the State Capitol on February 19, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.